

N A R B E R T H R U R A L D I S T R I C T

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1949.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1949.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population, (Registrar General's Estimate)...1949...
..... 10,050

England & Wales.

Birth Rate	15.2 per 1,000 pop.	16.7
Death Rate	16.5 per 1,000 pop.	11.7
Infantile		
Mortality Rate	65.4 per 1,000 births.	32.

54.8% of the Deaths were of persons over 70 years of age, including 24.7% of persons over the age of 80 years.

It will be noted that the Infantile Mortality Rate is more than double that for the whole of the country. Of the ten deaths of infants under one year which were registered, three were due to prematurity, two to injury to the brain during delivery, one to congenital heart disease, one to cardiac failure and infantile debility, one to pneumonia, one to tuberculous meningitis, and the tenth was the tragic case of the seven months old infant who was burned by his mother.

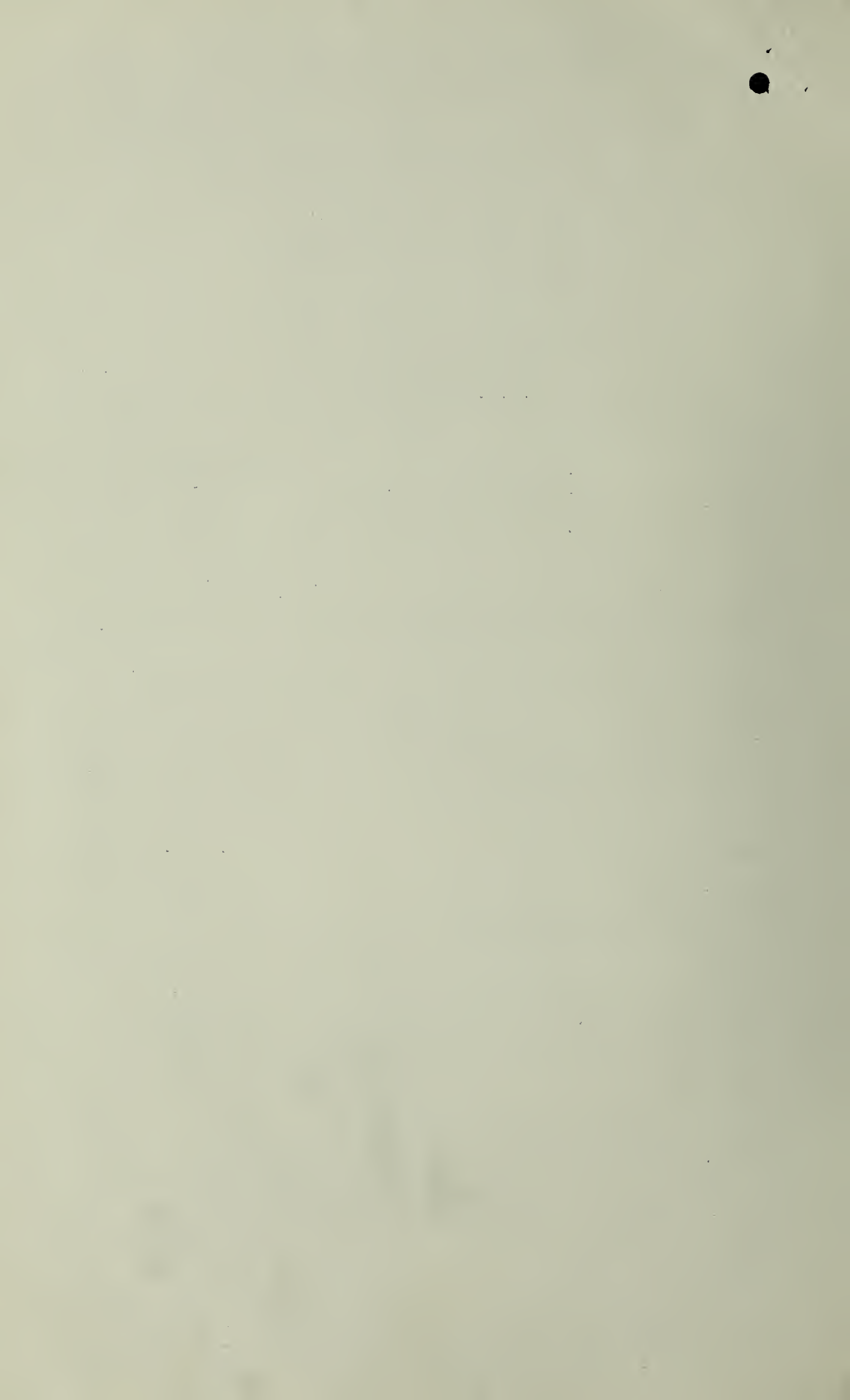
Causes of Death.

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All Causes	90	76
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	3
Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	0
Influenza	0	5
Cancer	15	10
Diabetes	1	2
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	8	8
Heart Diseases	25	21
Diseases of Circulatory System of other organs	4	6
Bronchitis	2	3
Pneumonia	3	3
Other Respiratory Diseases	3	2
Diarrhoea under 2 years	1	0
Other Digestive Diseases	2	3
Nephritis	6	1
Birth Injuries, Infant Diseases & Premature Births	4	3
Suicide	2	0
Road Traffic Accidents	1	0
Other Violent Causes	1	0
All Other Causes	10	6

Still Births: 7 or 4.6% of Total Births.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age: 10 or 6.5% of Total Births.

Illegitimate Births: 9 or 5.9% of Total Births.



NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Scarlet Fever	9.	Whooping Cough	31.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1.	Measles	4.

All houses are fumigated on the removal of the patient to Hospital, or on recovery, if nursed at home.

TUBERCULOSIS.

18 cases of Tuberculosis were notified, of which 16 were pulmonary. There were four deaths from pulmonary Tuberculosis, and one death of an infant from Tuberculous Meningitis.

During the year a mobile X-ray unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the area. One case of unsuspected Pulmonary Tuberculosis was discovered as a result of this survey in the district, and two people are being kept under observation.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES PART 111.

VACCINATION

This is carried out by the local doctors, who are paid by the County Council when record cards are returned to your Medical Officer of Health.

Returns for 1949 were:- Primary Vaccinations 67.
Re-Vaccinations 7.

IMMUNISATION

This is also carried out by the local doctors, payment being made by the County Council on receipt of record cards by your Medical Officer of Health.

During 1949 the number of children immunised was:-

Children under 5 years	-	135	}	144
Children 5 - 15 years	-	9		
Children given re-inforcing injections - 104				

Other arrangements under this Act are made by the County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

Several visits were made to investigate home conditions, but no action was necessary in this respect during the year.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Council continued extending their Mains to various parts of the area with every effort to get all houses connected up. Water Mains extensions were laid and completed in the following parishes:-

Amroth	Begelly	East Williamston
Reynalton	Loveston	St. Issells (part)
Bletherston	Narberth North	Llawhaden (part)



Samples of water taken from the Main pipe supply 7.

Satisfactory 6.
Unsatisfactory 1.

The supply has generally been satisfactory in quantity and quality.

All the Council's supply is chlorinated at the Reservoir, and lime is added to harden the water and check plumbo-solvent action.

Number of houses supplied direct from the Mains:-

Begelly	47
Narberth South	42
Narberth North	55
East Williamston	33
Crinow	20
Llanycefn	7
Llanddewi Velfrey	19
Llawhaden	3
Bletherston	7
Maenclochog	51
Lampeter Velfrey	24
Ludchurch	12
Amroth	76
St. Issells	486
Castellldwyrain	12
Martletwy	3
Robeston Wathen	32
Llysyfran	8
Reynalton	4
Jeffreyston	50
Vorlan	1
Llandissilio West	41
Llandissilio East	62
Grondre	26
Crunwere	13
Total:	<u>1134</u>

Nineteen samples of water were taken from wells and springs (chiefly private) for Bacteriological analysis.

Satisfactory 7.
Unsatisfactory 12.

Some villages are still dependent on water pumped by hand from springs, but most of these are likely to be supplied from the mains during the next year.

SEWERAGE.

Approval was given for the sewerage schemes at Velfrey Road, and Templeton, and work was started on the Templeton scheme.

The need for a sewerage scheme for Saundersfoot is becoming urgent. Numerous complaints of overflowing cesspits continue to be received, and there is considerable infiltration of sewerage into gardens and the land surrounding them. This may easily cause an outbreak of infectious disease, and the necessity for the proposed sewerage scheme is becoming acute

No. of houses converted from pail closets to W.C. = 14.



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PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The collection of house refuse by the Council's own labour has been satisfactory and every effort is being made to extend the collection from houses in the outlying districts.

The refuse from the southern area is deposited on Kingsmoor Common, and from the northern area on the Narberth Town Moor.

RATS AND MICE INFESTATION.

The Council continue to employ one whole-time operator.

Number of treatments of:-

Sewers	7
Refuse Tips	6
Business Premises	35
Dwelling Houses	218

Number of Rats estimated destroyed 11,257
Number of Rats recovered dead 753
Quantity of poison bait taken in ozs. 4,503

FOOD.

A detailed review has been prepared by your Sanitary Inspector and is included in his report.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There is one horse-slaughtering house at Penpark, Lampeter Velfrey. The premises were inspected at least twice weekly. Some difficulty was encountered due to excessive slaughtering, which caused overflow of blood etc. from the tanks on to the surrounding ground, and numerous complaints from neighbouring farmers. This was overcome, and conditions subsequently improved.

HOUSING.

14 Council Houses were completed and occupied i.e. Summerhill, Amroth 4, Grondre 4, Cresselly 6. Work was started on 30 houses and 2 bungalows i.e. Llanddewi Velfrey 10, Llangolman 4, Begelly 8, Reynalton 4, Jeffreyston 4, Saundersfoot 2 bungalows.

Dorothy M. Griffiths,

M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Particulars of work carried out during year, 1949.

No. of complaints received	51
No. of defects or nuisances discovered	37
<u>No. of Premises visited.</u>	
Inspections.	627
Re-Visits.	57
<u>No. of Notices served.</u>	
Preliminary: Housing	43
Other	39
Statutory: Housing	Nil
Other	Nil
<u>Summary Action.</u>	
Summonses issued.	Nil
Convictions obtained.	Nil

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER

No. of Registered Dairymen.	785
No. of inspections.	88
<u>Milk Samples.</u>	
Satisfactory.	8
Unsatisfactory	4
Total:	12

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

Inspections were frequently made of all premises where food is prepared and sold, and generally the premises were found satisfactory.

Food examined and found unsound as follows:-

4 Tins Milk	1 Tin Fish
1 Tin Mussels	1 Tin Peas
2 Tins Apple Puree	3 Tins Mustard
1 Tin Meat	1 Tin Vegetables
1 Tin Veal Loaf	12 lbs. Sugar
12 lbs. Oats	20 lbs. Cake
24 lbs. Flour	120 lbs. Beef
1½ Cases Oranges	46 Small Cases Imported Cheese
7 Packets Vermicelli	28½ lbs. Cheese
4 Packets Blanc Mange	4 Packets Root Ginger
1 Jar Chutney	4 Packets Cake Flour
2 Jars Salmon Paste	1 Jar Rhubarb
Saundersft. (8 Stone Plaice	Cabbages Value 9/4d.
Harbour (7 Stone Ray & Ray Wings	Lettuce Value 5/4d.
8 Jars Salad Cream	

Number of shops selling ice-cream	12
Number of premises where food is prepared	11
Number of Bakers	11
Number of Catering Establishments	5
Number of Grocers	43
Number of Butchers	29
Number of Fishmongers	1

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i)Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	38	15	Nil	Nil
(ii)Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii)Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (ex-cluding out-workers' premises).	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL:	38	15	Nil	Nil

A. C. James,

Sanitary Inspector.

